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SUBJECT: LOCAL SECURITY SUPPORT FOR DJIBOUTI CONGEN

FOLLOWING MSG PREPARED BY DJIBOUTI CONSUL GENERAL CLARKE AND IS
TRANSMITTED AT HIS REQUEST:

1. MAJOR LOCAL SECURITY PROBLEMS IN DJIBOUTI AT PRESENT TIME
CONSIST PRIMARILY OF EXTENSIVE HOUSE BREAKINGS AND ATTACKS
ON ISOLATED INDIVIDUALS IN TOWN AND ON BEACHES. SITUATION
CONSIDERABLY AGGRAVATED BY RECENT EXPERIMENT IN WITHDRAWING
SECURITY AND IDENTITY CHECKS AT ENTRANCE TO DJIBOUTI TOWN
WHICH RESULTED IN AVERAGE 1,000 NEW ENTRIES EACH DAY FOR
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TEN-DAY PERIOD THAT BARBED WIRE BARRIERS ON ROAD INTO TOWN
WERE REMOVED. TOWN ALREADY HAD 80 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT AND
NEW ARRIVALS, OF COURSE, ADD TO TOTAL.

2. INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE ABLE PROVIDE SAME
STANDARDS POLICE AND GENDARME PROTECTION NOW HANDLED BY
FRENCH METROPOLITAN UNITS. FRENCH ADVISERS SEEM UNCLEAR

ABOUT THEIR SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES AFTER INDEPENDENCE, BUT THEY BELIEVE THESE RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE CONFINED TO PROTECTION FRONTIERS WITH NEIGHBORING STATES, FRENCH MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND FRENCH NATIONALS IN EVENT BREAKDOWN LOCAL SECURITY.

3. DJIBOUTI CONGEN STILL IN EARLY STAGES POST INSTALLATION. OFFICE SPACE REMAINS HOTEL SIESTA WHERE TDY ADMIN OFFICER JOHNSON ALSO STAYING. CONSUL GENERAL CLARKE STAYING IN TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS ON BESSE PROPERTY, WHICH IS SUBJECT TO CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR OFFICE/ RESIDENTIAL SPACE. DESPITE THESE RATHER TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS, THERE ARE CERTAIN SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AND AIDS WHICH SHOULD NOW BE IMPLEMENTED, AS FOLLOWS:

4. ESTABLISHMENT LOCAL GUARD SERVICE. CONSUL GENERAL REQUESTS WASHINGTON AUTHORIZATION TO ENGAGE CONTRACT GUARD SERVICE TO GUARD TEMPORARY RESIDENCE ON ROUND-CLOCK BASIS. HOUSE NEXT DOOR WAS BURGLARIZED LAST WEEK AND IT IS CLEAR THAT CURRENT GUARDS ON PROPERTY (THERE ARE TWO) ARE NOT ADEQUATE. THIS WILL GIVE US HEAD START ON SETTING UP SERVICE WHICH IN ANY CASE WILL BE NECESSARY WHEN CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ARE COMPLETED DURING THE NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS.

5. INSTALLATION SSB RADIO IN TEMPORARY RESIDENCE. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO MOVE RADIO TO MAIN HOUSE WHEN IT IS READY BUT FACT THAT TEMPORARY RESIDENCE WILL REMAIN IN OUR POSSESSION MAKES SUCH INSTALLATION IMMEDIATELY USEFUL.
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SECURITY SITUATION, OF COURSE, MAKES INSTALLATION NECESSARY.

6. ACQUISITION PORTABLE AND BASE STATION RADIOS. MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT RCO NAIROBI REQUESTION AUTHORIZATION LOAN DJIBOUTI FOUR PE-66 HAND-HELD RADIOS PENDING ARRIVAL MATERIALS ORDERED THROUGH DEPARTMENT. OFFICIAL VEHICLES ARE EXPECTED ARRIVE DJIBOUTI O/A 22 JUNE. ONCE VEHICLES ON GROUND, REQUEST INSTALLATION MT-76 MOBILE UNITS IN OFFICIAL VEHICLES. THREE UNITS NEEDED. TO WORK WITH ABOVE UNITS, REQUEST TWO DM-56 BASE STATIONS.

7. BEST TIMING FOR VISIT RCO WITH EQUIPMENT TO DJIBOUTI WOULD BE JUNE 21, ASSUMING ARRIVAL VIA ADDIS ABABA. ALTERNATIVE IS WEEK FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE (27 JUNE). RFC REQUESTED CONFIRM DIRECT TO DJIBOUTI USING UNCLASSIFIED IF POSSIBLE.

8. ONCE NEGOTIATIONS ON RESIDENTIAL/OFFICE PROPERTIES ARE COMPLETED, A FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT WILL BE

NEEDED TO PROVIDE IMPROVED SECURITY TO COMPOUND. SPECIFIC
PROPOSALS WILL FOLLOW. HOWEVER, WE THINK THAT ANOTHER
VISIT BY RSO WILL BE NECESSARY TO DEVELOP ACCEPTABLE
PLAN. POST WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS NEXT WEEK.
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